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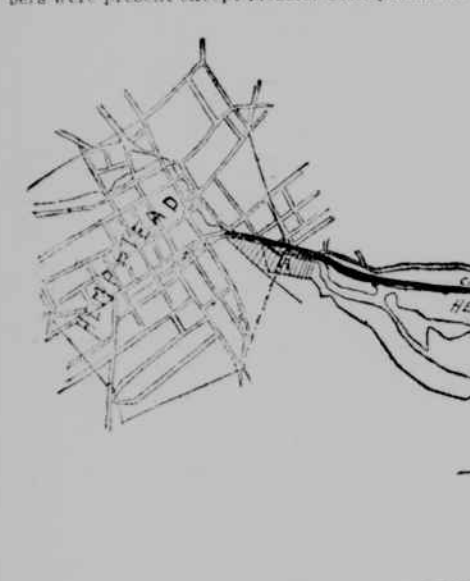
WILLIS TO GET ALL THE MONEY ASKED FOR ON WATER APPROPRIATIONS.

A MEETING YESTERDAY AT WHICH MORE INTEREST THAN EVER BEFORE WAS SHOWN IN THE QUESTION WHICH ALL BROOKLYN IS DISCUSSING.

The Aldermen Committee on Water and Drainage yesterday met on an aroused public sentiment over the condition of the city's water. The committee decided to recommend not only the \$75,000 necessary to buy and clean the ponds which were found to be in so vile a condition by the experts of the Board of Health, but to recommend the granting to City Works Commissioner Willis of all the sums of money for which he is now asking for the maintenance and purification of the water supply. The following appropriations will be recommended to the Board of Aldermen at its meeting Monday:

Balance for maintenance, \$111,555.
For cleaning Horse Creek, \$75,000.
For buying and cleaning ponds, \$75,000.
Total, \$261,555.

It was 2:30 p. m. when the committee met in the City Clerk's private office. All of the members were present except Messrs. Conner and Mc-



SEWER TO DIVERT HORSE CREEK.

Garry, Commissioner Willis, Chief Engineer Milne and L. M. de Varona, engineer of the water supply, were present for the City Works Department.

When asked by one of the Aldermen what he wanted, Mr. Willis replied:

"The judgment of the Board of Aldermen ought to be as good as mine as to what the public sentiment is regarding the water supply."

President Clark accepted this and said:

"I say, even at the risk of having it called a job, that nothing can prevent the pollution of the Hempstead stream except to buy the land 200 feet on either side of the stream. There is one case of a negro's hut just on the edge of the creek, and there is nothing to prevent the emptying of offal from this house into the water. All the land should be bought from the ice pond down."

Chairman Leich expressed the idea that, although much money had heretofore been appropriated, the city had no proper showing for it. Mr. de Varona convinced the committee that the city had had good return for the money expended. He said that copies of Professor Leeds's report were being prepared for the Aldermen, and that Professor Leeds would examine the water at the sources if he were taken necessary.

Alderman Clark said he believed that some of the bad taste of the water might be traced to the effect on the mains of waste electricity from the trolley wires, but Mr. Milne held that the effect of this would be to purify the water, if anything.

After much cross-firing of this sort, Commissioner Willis was permitted to make a statement. He wanted \$311,555, the balance due for the maintenance of the water. This amount had been carefully calculated, and must be had to meet current, necessary expenses.

Then the Aldermen should consider whether it was feasible to allow \$75,000 for purchasing land about the Springfield supply, and dredging and cleaning ponds passed upon adversely by the Board of Health.

This led Alderman Francisco, in a merry mood, to inquire whether Horse Creek was named after the dead horses found in it.

"I am not responsible for the titles of these creeks," replied Commissioner Willis, smiling, "although I am charged with creating some new titles in my department."

OWNERS OBJECTED TO THE CLEANING.

Mr. de Varona explained that certain streams could not be cleaned thoroughly, because the city did not own some of the contributing ponds, and the owners would not permit the city to clear the vegetable matter from them. Land must be bought if the sweeping cleaning demanded by the Health Department was to be done. He admitted that there was \$45,000 included in the \$311,000 for cleaning, but that that amount was for cleaning ponds and streams now owned by the city.

The committee exhibited more interest in water than it has hitherto, and made Mr. de Varona explain the work that is being done on the new driven wells that now furnish 18,000,000 gallons a day, and are to be increased to 25,000,000.

The committee likewise was of the opinion that the city should be as prompt in cleaning the Springfield supply as it has been in the vigorous flushing of the mains.

Then the motions were carried unanimously. Alderman Francisco was of the opinion that bad weather would be here before land could be bought, but Alderman Guilfoyle suggested that as soon as an option was taken on the land cleaning could begin.

THE HORSE CREEK DISCHARGE.

The \$150,000 appropriation will be used not only in buying some of the most objectionable property along Horse Creek, but in laying an iron pipe in carrying the Horse Creek discharge around the Hempstead reservoir, whenever its condition makes it unfit for the use of the city, that is, in midsummer and during the first wash of the surface occasioned during the freshets of the spring. The discharge of the Horse Creek into the reservoir has been cut off, and the water is being carried by a small midsummer flow to the reservoir, from which a 36-inch iron pipe, having a capacity of 18,000,000 gallons daily, will discharge the flow below the reservoir. The distance from the reservoir to the discharge is about 18,500 feet. The adopted line follows along the eastern bank of the reservoir, the old road on the east side of Hempstead Pond, and out along the east side of the small midsummer flow to be thus diverted, but during the first part of freshets the capacity of the pipe will be such as to discharge all of the objectionable water, so that the rain-fall with the collected impurities will not reach the reservoir until it has been safely diluted.

The \$75,000 appropriation will be used to buy some of the land necessary to clean the worst ponds along the Springfield and Valley Spring streams.

In anticipation of this appropriation Commissioner Willis has already bought one of the vilest of these ponds and is having it cleaned. There is every prospect that the Brooklyn water will regain its pristine purity within a month or so.

The committee likewise reported in favor of a sewer along the Clinton-ave. extension, from Flushing-ave. to the East River. This will run through the Wallabout Market land recently deeded to the city by the United States Government. This is to be a 48-inch sewer, and will give relief to the territory that was so badly

HONESTY THE BEST POLICY.

SIXTH WARD REPUBLICANS HOLD A RATIFICATION MEETING.

SOUND-MONEY DEMOCRATS WERE PRESENT AND LISTENED TO SPEECHES BY EX-JUDGE STEELE AND HENRY A. POWELL.

The Republicans of the Sixth Ward held a big ratification meeting last night at Grand Union Hall, No. 258 Court-st., for the purpose of approving the National and State tickets. All citizens, whether Democrats or Republicans, who are in favor of sound money, sound government, good wages and happy homes, were invited, and when the meeting was called to order the hall was crowded to the doors. Before the meeting fireworks were set off in the street, and a brass band furnished plenty of lively music.

The following resolutions were unanimously carried:

Whereas, The issues of the present campaign are very important and involve not only the stability and credit of our country, but also the personal honor and integrity of each individual citizen of these United States; and

Resolved, That the Republican party, by its platform, both National and State, and also by its candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President, has declared itself unequivocally to be in favor of an honest dollar, the honest and full payment of all debts, and the support of a Government while the so-called Democratic party would depreciate our currency, undermine our Government and involve the country in ruin and distress;

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W. Burr, W. H. Palmer, W. R. Holt, D. S. Holmes, A. Melner, George W. Goodrich, Henry J. Koch, James P. Hendricks, Congressmen, James H. C. De Graw, C. V. Smith, David M. Drury.

W. C. BECHER RESIGNS. HE CANNOT SUPPORT BRYAN AND THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

W. C. Becher, vice-president of the Kings County Democratic General Committee, has resigned from the so-called regular Democracy because he cannot support Bryan and his platform. Mr. Becher has written a letter to James D. B. Chairman of the committee, which was read upon his return home from his travels. He learned with deep regret that the Kings County General Committee had voted to endorse Bryan and, "necessarily, his variegated platform." He said he had hoped that wiser counsel would prevail, and that the dignified course of the New-York delegation at Chicago would have followed, and that the local committee would have refused to recognize either the platform or the nomination of the Chicago Convention as Democratic or regular. Mr. Becher thinks that the endorsement of such a candidate on such a platform is, from the political point of view, suicidal and unpatriotic. He said, among other things:

The Democratic party in Kings County was just recovering from the effects of too much boresdom. The necessary effect of this present action will be to pollinate the party to the uttermost back seat of the political arena. It will be hard to inspire confidence in a party which has shown a willingness to follow after such strange gods as the Chicago Convention. It will be hard to inspire confidence in a party which has shown a willingness to follow after such strange gods as the Chicago Convention. It will be hard to inspire confidence in a party which has shown a willingness to follow after such strange gods as the Chicago Convention.

The integrity of our Nation and the commercial welfare of our country are attacked by a lot of political freebooters. They have chosen as their leader one who willingly stands upon the disreputable planks of a platform which would make up the wildest, most grotesque political caricature that the mind of man could well imagine. His mere candidacy for the presidency would discredit the existing commercial stagnation and nearly caused a general panic. The effect would be to shake the confidence of the people in the Government and to cause a general panic.

The American people will not tolerate a candidate who would allow policy and the strongest argument of the Republican party to be lost in a flood of lies and calumnies. The difference between this and complete repudiation is only one of degree, the principle for more properly said, is a fatal mistake. The effect would be to shake the confidence of the people in the Government and to cause a general panic.

Two Republican rallies to-night. Two Republican rallies will be held in Brooklyn to-night, under the auspices of the Kings County Campaign Committee. One will be held at the First Ward Committee, and the other at the Poplar Avenue Committee. The speakers will be Robert Van Dine, Samuel H. Drew, Congressman Dennis M. Hurley and Assemblyman E. C. Brennan. Before the indoor meeting opens there will be a banner-raising and a big display of fireworks. Another meeting will be held by the Twenty-sixth Ward Association, at Fulton and Crescent streets. A crowd is expected to attend.

FEAR A SPREAD OF DIPHTHERIA. OVER TWENTY CASES SAID TO BE UNDER TREATMENT IN BATH BEACH AND BENSCHURST.

Diphtheria is slowly spreading in Bath Beach, Benschurst and Gravesend, despite the endeavors of the Board of Health. The disease is said to be spreading in the bath houses and in the houses of the poor. The Board of Health has issued orders for the isolation of the patients and for the disinfection of the houses. The disease is said to be spreading in the bath houses and in the houses of the poor.

A WOMEN'S LEAGUE DISBANDED. THE SOCIETY WAS CONNECTED WITH THE CENTRAL THROAT HOSPITAL—MAY BE REORGANIZED.

The Women's League of the Central Throat Hospital has been disbanded. The league was organized in 1885, and was first known as the Women's Auxiliary of the Long Island Throat and Lung Hospital. After the removal of this institution from Gates and Ralph avenues, to its present place in Wiloughby-st., the women connected themselves with the Central Throat Hospital. The members of the league comprise workers of the uptown churches of several denominations. Last summer they raised considerable money, and have done much good.

STUDY SAID TO HAVE PROMPTED SUICIDE. Walter Newman, a motorman on the cross-town line of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad, committed suicide in James Clark's hotel, No. 59 Manhattan-ave., some time on Thursday night. Death resulted from asphyxiation. Newman turned on the gas after closing up every crevice in the room. The body was discovered about 4:15 o'clock in the morning by one of the boarders. Newman was regarded among the railroad men as an electrician, more than any other ability, and is reported to have been a very capable man. He was about thirty-five years old, and came to Brooklyn at the time of the great trolley strike, from Dayton, Ohio.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN. NEINE NOLAN, a fifteen-year-old child, was held on a charge of vagrancy by Judge Harriman yesterday. She told the Judge that her mother was in the habit of not only beating her, but working her beyond her power. The child was sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children while an investigation is being made.

NOTES FROM THE NAVY YARD. Little could be learned at the Navy Yard yesterday about the court-martial which will convene Monday to try Lieutenant Mahoney of the Marine Corps, on charges of drunkenness, absence without leave and scandalous conduct. The court will meet in the usual room in Building No. 7, and unless otherwise ordered, the sessions will be public.

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MR. BLACK TO BE IN TOWN.

IT IS DEFINITELY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL VISIT BROOKLYN ON TUESDAY.

THE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND A DINNER IN HONOR OF HIMSELF AND MR. WOODRUFF AT THE UNION LEAGUE.

CLUB-A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.

It was announced definitely yesterday that Frank S. Black, the Republican candidate for Governor, will be in Brooklyn on Tuesday. At 6:30 o'clock a dinner will be given in honor of Mr. Black and Timothy L. Woodruff, the candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, by the members of the Union League Club. Only members of the club will be at the dinner, but at 9 o'clock there will be a public reception for Messrs. Black and Woodruff in the parlors of the clubhouse, to which the general public will be admitted.

Charles H. Russell is the chairman of the Union League's Campaign Committee, and it is probable that he will preside at the dinner. It is not expected that Mr. Black will make a formal speech at the dinner.

No arrangements have been made for a rally on Tuesday afternoon, and it is therefore unlikely that Brooklynites will have an opportunity to hear Mr. Black speak on this visit to the city.

ALDERMEN DODGE AGAIN.

THEY FAIL TO GRANT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT MANDATORY LAWS.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO GO AHEAD ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES—OTHER BUSINESS.

Several committees of the Board of Aldermen met at the City Hall last night. The Committee on Public Health decided to recommend for adoption the ordinance presented long ago by the Woman's Health Protection Association, compelling ash and garbage barrels to be taken by the carriers from the courtyard lines of buildings, instead of the outer edge of sidewalks. Mrs. James Scrimgeour spoke in favor of the ordinance. She was accompanied by Mrs. S. W. Borne and Mrs. Isaac Howland.

Albert R. Moore, counsel to the Health Department, urged that the long-pending appropriations of \$2,000 for dump inspectors, \$5,000 for antioxin, and \$10,000 for the mercantile and factory laws be given to Dr. Emery.

Alderman Stewart seemed to be opposed to all of these.

"I would never have antioxin go into any one's hands,"